

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Application of Anderson et al., a Continuation Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of:

Applicant : Anderson et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the instant application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.